

usual perception of what people think of food in New Mexico. He dreams of seeing Santa Fe become a true culinary destination on the same level where the City is always listed as one of the top ten visitor destinations in the country and top three art destinations with New York and Los Angeles.

Chef Olea's eyes light up the most, though, when he speaks about his experiences beyond his renowned cuisine. Along with the New Mexico Restaurant Association, he helps students obtain scholarships. Through Cooking with Kids, he teaches families to make fun and nutritious meals. He also emphasizes his work with the Children's Cancer Foundation. Simply put, he strives to improve the quality of life for his entire community.

If you ask Chef Olea what he is most proud of, he'll reply that it is how Santa Fe and New Mexico have adopted him. If you ask me, we are the ones who are so lucky he has chosen to make our community home.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BETSY MERRY

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of the life of Betsy Merry, who passed away on May 23, 2022.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts and raised in Peabody, Betsy was a lifelong resident of the North Shore and a passionate public citizen. After beginning her career as a special education teacher at Salem High School, Betsy entered residential real estate and established Merry Fox Realty in 2008. Merry Fox, which she ran with her longtime business partner Dan Fox, has since become Salem's pre-eminent realty office.

As a beloved member of her community, Betsy was devoted to charitable organizations and civic institutions. She served as the president of the Salem YMCA, a trustee of the Essex Institute, and later a member of the Board of Overseers of the Peabody Essex Museum. She sat on the boards of Catholic Charities, Historic Salem, Inc., Hamilton Hall, YMCA of the North Shore, the Salem Partnership, and the Salem Pantry, and was a trustee of the Samaritan Charitable Society of Salem. Betsy was a keen fundraiser and was recognized for Outstanding Fundraising Achievement for Mass General's Caring for a Cure Boston Marathon team.

In recognition of her extraordinary achievements, Betsy received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Yankee Clipper Council of Boy Scouts of America and the Citizen of the Year from the City of Salem, and was nominated to be the Salem Chamber of Commerce's 2021 Business Woman of the Year. This June, she will posthumously receive the Commonwealth Heroine award, which honors extraordinary women from across Massachusetts who enrich their communities through their acts of service and dedication to civic life.

Most importantly, Betsy was devoted to her family. She leaves behind her husband Peter Merry, son Ian Merry, and daughter Kate Walters, as well as three grandchildren, Peter, Rosemary, and Eve Walters. The North Shore community has lost a remarkable community

leader, accomplished businesswoman, and cherished friend. Please join me in honoring her memory.

HONORING LARRY H. FOXWORTHY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a special citizen of our great nation, Judge Larry H. Foxworthy. Mr. Foxworthy lives in Fleming County, where he and his wife are lifelong residents. He serves the people of that wonderful county as Judge-Executive.

Judge Foxworthy has served in this important leadership role since 2003. Since taking office, he has served on many important boards and commissions. These include Buffalo Trace Area Development District (Chairman), KCJEA Executive Board Member, Fleming County Board of Health, Fleming-Mason Airport Board of Directors, Fleming County Extension Service Board of Directors, Fleming County Hospital Board of Directors, Fleming County Industrial Authority Board of Directors, and the Kentucky Association of Counties Board of Directors.

After nearly 20 years of service, Judge Foxworthy is retiring. During his time in office, there has been significant growth in business opportunities in Fleming County. The county has made needed updates to their book department and to the county's equipment. Judge Foxworthy found that working together as a team was important in the successful governance of Fleming County.

It is my honor to recognize this amazing public servant and thank him for his many years of service to the citizens of Fleming County. Judge Foxworthy's leadership, his dedication, and his love of community are greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOY FOR JOY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to the Springfield, Massachusetts Citadel of the Salvation Army, Republican Newspaper, El Pueblo Latino, MassLive, Reminders Publishing, and the Westfield News on celebrating the 100th anniversary of their Toy for Joy campaign. This milestone achievement deserves the highest praise for the hard work and dedication of the organization's board, staff, and everyone who has contributed to Toy for Joy's success.

Founded in the early 1920s by the Bowles family, the Toy for Joy program provides toys and books to children in need in throughout Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Through their hard work, and through the generosity of the region's residents, school children, civic groups, businesses, and others, they have brought toys, books, and happiness to thousands of children.

Over the past century, Toy for Joy has sought to fulfill its mission of bringing Christ-

mas joy to children who might otherwise miss out on the thrill of receiving gifts for the holidays. Toy for Joy has been sustained by the spirit of giving through periods of war, economic depression, and health crises, benefiting thousands of families when they have needed it most. The past few years, in particular, have highlighted the need for the support and connection gained through outstanding efforts such as Toy for Joy.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Salvation Army, Republican Newspaper, El Pueblo Latino, MassLive, Reminders Publishing, and the Westfield News again on celebrating the 100th anniversary of their Toy for Joy program and thank them for continuing to provide support to those in need over the holiday season. Toy for Joy is a cherished initiative in Massachusetts' First District, and I wish it many more years of success and prosperity.

HONORING MAYOR CHRIS CANNING

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Chris Canning of Calistoga, California on his retirement from public service.

Mr. Canning is a native of Beacon Falls, Connecticut and a graduate of Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Sociology, he joined Nestlé Waters as a Sales Manager before being promoted to International Customer Development Director.

In 2006, Mr. Canning moved from Paris to Calistoga when Nestlé appointed him Director of Calistoga Mineral Water. Following nearly four years in this position, Mr. Canning left Nestlé to begin a career in public service. In 2010, Mr. Canning became the Executive Director for the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center. Soon after, he was elected to the City Council and in 2012 was elected as Mayor. During his tenure, Mr. Canning led Calistoga through a recession, the COVID-19 pandemic, four wildfires and multiple evacuations. His decade as mayor is the longest since at least the 1960's.

As Mayor, Mr. Canning brought countless infrastructure improvements to Calistoga including major repairs to the sewer system and sidewalks. He helped create a pedestrian bridge to Pioneer Park, invested in children's programs, developed local parks and enhanced social services. Because of his hard work and determination, county agency representatives are now located in Calistoga to better support children and seniors. Mr. Canning has also led efforts to increase affordable housing, acquire a fairgrounds and reduce the city's impact on the environment.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mayor Canning for his selfless service and commitment to the people of Calistoga. His efforts have made Calistoga a more welcoming, supportive, green and beautiful city. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING COLONEL RICHARD
WEAVER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Richard Weaver, the 36th Commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, November 1, 2021 through December 1, 2022.

Colonel Weaver began his studies at the University of Mississippi, receiving a Bachelor of Public Administration Degree. He additionally completed a Graduate Certificate in Project Management from Columbia Southern University. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from William Carey University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

As an Army Engineer, he has served at every leadership level and held primary key staff positions, most notably during his two deployments to Iraq, culminating in his current assignment as the Camp Shelby Installation Commander.

Colonel Weaver is the first to command the two Mississippi Army National Guard installations. Before becoming the Commander at Camp Shelby, he served as the Commander of Camp McCain Training Center, located in north Mississippi just outside Grenada.

For his outstanding service, Colonel Weaver received numerous prestigious awards, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, the De Fleury Medal and many other federal and state awards.

Colonel Weaver resides in Gulfport, MS, and has two beautiful daughters, Kaley and Kameron. I thank his family for their strength and support during his 35 years of service. Colonel Weaver perfectly embodies the official organizational march of the United States National Guard "Always Ready, Always There!" He is a true American patriot, and I am honored to call him my friend and fellow Guardsman.

Semper Fidelis.

HONORING SANDY MARTIN,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
SHOREVIEW, MINNESOTA ON THE
OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sandy Martin, as she prepares to retire on December 31st after 26 years of dedicated service as mayor of the City of Shoreview, Minnesota. Over the past two and a half decades, Mayor Martin has committed herself to being a loyal public servant and a strong advocate for all the residents of her city. Although her time serving the City of Shoreview in official capacity is coming to an end, she leaves a lasting impact, and I thank her for her many contributions to state and our region.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Mayor Martin's aptitude for leadership was apparent even before her time as an elected official. From 1975 to 1988, she was a member of the Shoreview planning commission where she also served as chair for three years. Then, in 1989, she was elected to the Shoreview city council and served in this capacity until 1993, helping to oversee many important city projects including the construction of the Shoreview Community Center in 1990. Martin was first elected as Mayor in 1996 and is now serving in her 13th consecutive term. Her background in local government prepared her well to lead the City of Shoreview and is a testament to her commitment to improving the quality of life for residents.

As Mayor, Martin has played an important role supporting residents. She led Shoreview through the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic and worked tirelessly to improve city services and support small businesses. Additionally, she has led the community through numerous projects that will impact future generations for decades to come. She has been engaged with residents and needs of the community by advocating for affordable housing, overseeing three expansions of the community center, reconstructing city streets and updating parks across the city. Throughout her time working in local government, she has attended more than 1,300 council and planning commission meetings—which is truly impressive. Her unyielding dedication to public service is a major reason that Shoreview is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Mayor Martin is also a leader in the community beyond her elected position, earning the respect of her peers around the East Metro region. She has served on various boards such as the Shoreview Community Foundation, the Municipal Legislative Commission, Northeast Youth and Family Services, the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, the Regional Council of Mayors, and the Ramsey County League of Local Governments. Her work in the community has been recognized through various well-deserved honors throughout the years that celebrate her outstanding public service.

Over the past 26 years, Mayor Martin has exhibited outstanding initiative and vision on behalf of her community; it has been a great pleasure to work with her. She has been a steadfast leader for the City of Shoreview, and her guidance will be missed. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the impactful career of Mayor Sandy Martin.

TRIBUTE TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER
MARK STONE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of California Assemblyman Mark Stone who is retiring after serving five terms as a state legislator. He is a leader with a strong and well-earned reputation as an environmental defender and as a champion of the rights of California's most vulnerable residents.

Mark Stone has a long and distinguished history of public service. He was twice elected

to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors where he held leadership roles on the County Regional Transportation Commission and the First 5 Commission. He led a reorganization of the County's child welfare system and fought discrimination against LGBTQIA+ youth. He led the successful effort to ban single-use plastic bags and served with distinction as Vice Chair of the California Coastal Commission. Mark was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Scotts Valley Unified School District and served as its President. Prior to his career in public service, he worked as an attorney and as a Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School.

As the representative from the 29th Assembly District, which includes portions of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and Monterey Counties, Mark served as Chair of the Judiciary Committee and as a member of the Human Services Committee. He also served as Chair of the Select Committee on Coastal Protection and Access to Natural Resources and is a member of the Banking and Finance Committee.

During the disastrous CZU complex fires of 2020, Mark was an ardent and effective advocate for allocation of state resources for residents and businesses affected by the disaster.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in thanking Mark Stone for his exemplary service and wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. He is a good and great man and we are a better community and a stronger country because of him and his work.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE
SENATOR JIM NIELSEN

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. LaMALFA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor the public service career of my good friend, California State Senator Jim Nielsen. Senator Nielsen will be retiring from public service after many decades of dedication to the great people of California, and to the North State. I would not be where I am today, here in the House of Representatives, had it not been for the support and advice of a rancher from Tehama County.

Jim grew up on a small farm in the San Joaquin Valley and then went on to Fresno State where he majored in Agricultural Business. Working on ranches, operating cattle and row crops gave him a perspective of honest hard work that is desperately needed in the State Senate and the Assembly today. Jim was originally elected in the California State Senate in 1979, and then served as Republican Leader from 1983 through 1987. Jim went on to be Chairman of the California Board of Prisons Terms from 1992 to 2007.

Jim has always stood up as an advocate for victims of crime; he is known as one of the strongest voices in California history for justice. Often called the "Grandfather of Victim's Rights" he has helped deliver justice, hope, and peace for many impacted by crime. Jim's work through many organizations has helped to give victims a voice.

Jim went on to again serve in the State Assembly and State Senate after his time on the